

(b) whether Government are considering any modification with a view to increase the number of public men as heads of our missions?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):** (a) At present there are 37 career diplomats as Heads of Missions accredited to one or more countries; 8 from other Services and 8 Heads of Missions are public men.

(b) Appointments to the posts of Heads of Missions are within the prerogative of the Prime Minister in consultation with the Minister for External Affairs. Government do appoint persons from public life to posts for which their experience is considered particularly notable, and they intend to continue this practice.

#### International Film Festival, Delhi

\*316. { Shri Hem Barua:  
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:  
Shri D. N. Tiwary:  
Shri U. M. Trivedi:  
Shri Kapur Singh:  
Shri P. K. Deo:  
Shri Narasimha Reddy:  
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that special previews of certain pictures during the International Film Festival in Delhi were not shown to Members of Parliament;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the other categories of persons who were invited to these shows?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shrimati Indira Gandhi):** (a) and (b). Apart from preview and special shows for members of the Juries and the Screening Committee which were essential for their work, only the following shows were arranged:

(1) Eleven shows in Vigyan Bhavan for M.Ps.

(2) Three films for members of the Press. Only representatives of the Press were invited to these shows.

(b) The Press shows were screened in the Auditorium of the Films Division which has a limited seating capacity and it was, therefore, not possible to issue invitations to others.

#### Creation of Himalayan Federation by China

\*317. { Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:  
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:  
Shri Himatsingka:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Chinese plan regarding the creation of a so-called Himalayan Federation consisting of Nepal, Bhutan and Sikkim under Chinese hegemony; and

(b) whether the border of Bhutan and Sikkim with China has been correctly depicted in the Chinese maps?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):** (a) Government are not aware of any Chinese plan regarding the creation of a so-called Himalayan Federation consisting of Nepal, Bhutan and Sikkim, which would be under Chinese hegemony.

(b) In a Chinese Government note dated 26th December, 1959, the Government of China stated: "Concerning the boundaries between China and Bhutan, there is only a certain discrepancy between the delineation on the maps of the two sides (Indian and Chinese) in the sector south of the so-called McMahon Line. The boundary between China and Sikkim has long been formally delimited and there is neither any discrepancy between the maps nor any disputes in practice". As regards the discrepancy in the depiction of the Sino-Bhutan boundary between Indian and Chinese